

# Meeting House THE VILLAGE LOG

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## MORGAN'S RAID SCHEDULED

A two-day re-enactment of the events that led up to, and the capture of Maj. John Hunt Morgan during the Civil War will be re-enacted at Pioneer Village August 6 and 7, by corps of Union and Confederate soldiers. They will square off across the Village and meet in skirmishes and then battle on the Village Green.

Two separate camps, the Union and the Confederate, will be located on opposite parts of the Village and will be open for inspection by visitors during specified hours on Saturday. Late that afternoon the Confederate raiders under the command of Morgan will rout the Union soldiers and take the Village. Sunday afternoon the Union army will regroup, counter-attack, and capture Morgan and his men. Visitors are welcome to this event and the Village requests a donation of \$2.00 per carload. The funds will go totally for Village restoration expenses.

The re-enactment, at almost the same date in the year as Morgan's capture, is being organized by the Ohio 10th Civil War Infantry Battalion.

Food will be served in the food area and selected craftsmen will be in residence.

## VILLAGE SHIRTS FOR SALE

Pioneer Village will furnish straw for soldiers' bedding, firewood, and probably a common meal Friday night.

Several new items have been added to buy in the General Store. Village "T" shirts are now available there for \$5 each. The revised tour guide booklet is available for \$2 at the store and Toll house.

## PLAQUES ON MAJOR BUILDINGS

Most of the major buildings at the Village now have a wooden plaque affixed somewhere near their front door. Each explains briefly the pertinent facts for that building, the important dates, and also carries the name for that structure on a brass plate. Designed by Burnett Butterworth and constructed by him over the past winter, the plaques appear to be a popular addition as most visitors seem to be reading them as they move around the Village Commons.

The brass plates were furnished as a gift by Bashfords and the Bashfords' store in Lebanon. Thelma Hatfield got the typing and printing accomplished for the legend beneath each brass plate.

## VILLAGE FLAGPOLE MOVED

The flag pole has been moved once again to a new and hopefully final location beside the large Village entrance sign near the Toll house.

Jim Merrick and David Hastell, along with some CETA help moved it recently. The pole, which originally stood near the Lukens house, was moved to the middle of the Green some years ago for opening exercises at festivals.

## KOPP DOING NEEDED SIGNS

Andy Kopp is busy painting signs redirecting visitors through the new Village entrance, the Toll house, and calling their attention to food's being served Wednesday through Sunday in the food service area.

He will also have a sign for near the front door which explains the purpose of the Village and funding procedures.

## TWO WOODEN PUMPS BUILT

There are two dummies now on the Village grounds. No, we haven't added to our list of workaholics, but these dummies do perform a function.

Burnett Butterworth and George Wall placed over the Murdock hydrants wooden replicas of early water pumps complete with handles to look as if there is a well or cistern beneath the pump rather than a pressurized line from a main.

The two pumps are located near the pumphouse in the locust grove, one just over the fence in the green.

Although there remains some outside mudding to be completed, the Toll house is close to being finished. The big latest addition is the erection of the chimney. Gates have been built to guide in visitors to the Village and all visitors now enter through the Toll house.

A donation box (the little log house) originally built by Harold Fugett, has been placed so that visitors can conveniently drop bills or coins in it as they exit the back door. It has raised some reconstruction funds. During the weekdays, a CETA worker is stationed there as a greeter.

Work on the Collett house has started and will continue with the effort to erect it on the second weekend of July. David Hastell has located sound sill logs and he and Jim Merrick will bring them in for the house erection. The Collett house logs were brought in from St. Rt. 73 last summer.

## FESTIVAL SMALL BUT GOOD

Once again old man weather played a different tune as the fifth annual Early American Traditional Music Festival was the victim of rainy skies and threatening clouds that kept crowds light both days of the two-day affair. Highly organized and managed this time more efficiently than ever before, the whole affair rolled along smoothly under Debbie Kopp's supervision. Crowds came through the Toll House. There were workshop areas. Crafts people set up displays in the houses. On the stage Ed Simpkins and Ed Fisher kept a new musical group coming to the audience every twenty minutes.

Having involved much of her personal time for months, and personal finances as well, Debbie ran the show, set up the workshops, collected the money, and even played as a performer as well.

Visitors came steadily most of Saturday, but rain on Saturday night left the grounds wet, and the grey skies on Sunday kept the crowd small.

Admissions were taken at the Toll house instead of at the road, and this arrangement worked well in spite of the mud all around.

The traditional "stone soup" served in the Richards' hominy pot was prepared by Linda Lee

Friday night, and enjoyed by performers, craftsmen and Villagers.

Once again the outdoor nature of things at the Village bowed to uncooperative weather.

## MUCH BEING ACCOMPLISHED

Six CETA workers between the ages of 15 and 18, and a supervisor, Allison Haxton, have been working at the Village most of June and have made a big dint in the long list of jobs to be done.

Checked off so far: Removal of large rock piles from the Mills and Githens houses and smoothing the ground; extensive work around the Toll house; mowing and weed whipping; construction of the herb garden fence; painting trim on Furnas house and other buildings; cleaning in the barn; painting maintenance building; and many other jobs.

## STORE SALES GOING WELL

Annafrances Riddle and granddaughter, Beverly, have been keeping the store open ten till five Wednesday through Sunday. They report that sales are often brisk and times seldom dull.

Asettin' and arockin' on the porch, Annafrances declares that working in the store beats sitting at home. Costumed and rocking, Annafrances often gets her picture snapped by visitors.

## TRADE MADE; MASON PAID

Recently a stone mason from Clinton County offered to trade a chimney for a tractor. The chimney is the one at the Toll house, and the tractor is the Sears lawn tractor that the Village had for sale at Colletts' Hardware.

As a result of the trade, Don Taylor of Sligo near Wilmington has a good lawn tractor plus \$480, and the Village Toll house has a fireplace and chimney completed and ready to use. Leftover rocks from the Mills and Githens houses were used.

Rosemary Fugett added a special stone for the centerpiece in the chimney, a burrstone saved from the foundation of the Lukens' Mill before it was flooded with water at the bottom of the lake.

Paul Apostelos and Frank Crabtree have tackled the Meeting House painting job and now are completing it in the summer heat. The scraping having been done, the painting was carried on with the help of a corps of young people who volunteered for the job.

The Meeting House had been painted in 1978, but the building had weathered badly since, particularly on the south side.

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